

Listing of Claims:

[The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:]

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing tasks performed on a computer capable of coupling over a network to a network-based media server, said method comprising:

receiving tasks to be performed from a single ~~at least one~~ client application operating on the computer, the tasks pertaining to one or more different media-based actions, and the tasks involving interaction with the media server over the network;

activating an operation at the computer to respond to each of the tasks; and

coordinating performance of the activated operations in accordance with priority levels associated with the different media-based actions of the tasks, each of ~~the different ones of the~~ different media-based actions having a ~~a~~ different priority level ~~level~~ levels.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the priority levels are provided on a per-computer basis or a per-user basis.

3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said coordinating operates to coordinate the execution of the activated operations pertaining to a particular user of the computer based on the priority levels.

4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the priority levels associated with the different media-based actions are user-modifiable.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the different media-based actions include at least: previewing media, browsing media, purchasing media, and downloading media.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the media includes at least one of audio, video or images.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the ~~at least one~~ client application is a client media player program.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client application ~~at least one at least one client applications~~ is a client media player program.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1,
wherein the media includes at least audio, and
wherein the different media-based actions of the media server include at least: previewing music, browsing music, purchasing music, and downloading music.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the priority levels associated with the different media-based actions are user-modifiable.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including at least at least executable computer program code tangibly stored thereon for managing tasks performed on a computer capable of coupling over a network to a network-based media server, said computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code for receiving tasks to be performed from a single at least one client application operating on the computer, the tasks pertain to one or more different media-based actions, and the tasks involving interaction with the media server over the network; and

computer program code for coordinating performance of the tasks in accordance with priority levels associated with the different media-based actions of the tasks, each of the different ones of the different media-based actions having a different priority level levels.

12. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the priority levels are provided on a per-computer basis or a per-user basis.
13. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11, wherein said computer program code for coordinating operates to coordinate the performance of the tasks pertaining to a particular user of the computer based on the priority levels.
14. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the priority levels associated with the different media-based actions are user-modifiable.
15. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the different media-based actions include at least: previewing media, browsing media, purchasing media, and downloading media.
16. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 15, wherein the media includes at least one of audio, video or images.
17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 16, wherein the ~~at-least-one~~ client application is a client media player program.
18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the ~~at-least-one~~ client application is a client media player program.

19. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11,
wherein the media includes at least audio, and
wherein the different media-based actions of the media server include at
least: previewing music, browsing music, purchasing music, and downloading music.

20. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 19, wherein the
priority levels associated with the different media-based actions are user-modifiable.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11,
wherein said computer program code for receiving and said computer program code
for coordinating are part of the at least one client application program.

22. (Original) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 11, wherein said
computer program code for receiving and said computer program code for
coordinating are part of an operating system program that operates on the computer.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer for presenting media to its user, said
computer comprising:
a at least one client media application player program operable to enable the
user to play, browse, preview, purchase, or download or present media items for the
benefit of the user;
a network interface that permits said client media application program to
interact with a media commerce server that stores or manages a plurality of media
items that can be browsed, previewed, purchased or downloaded; and
a task manager that manages performance of at least browse, preview,
purchase or download operations by assigning priority levels to each of the browse,
preview, purchase or download operations, and managing performance of the
browse, preview, purchase or download operations in accordance with the assigned
priority levels.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer as recited in claim 23, wherein each of the browse, preview, purchase or download operations are executed by a different processing, and wherein said task manager causes the processing to preeessingto be performed in accordance with the assigned priority levels.